

HB 4265 AND HB 4266

BOTTOM LINE:

COMPOST SITE OWNERS WILL GO BANKRUPT AND THEIR EMPLOYEES WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS, JUST WHAT MICHIGAN NEEDS IS MORE PEOPLE ON UNEMPLOYMENT.

COST OF TONAGE BROUGHT TO LANDFILL WILL INCREASE

LANDFILLS WILL FILL UP SOONER, CUTTING THE TIME FRAME FOR THE LANDFILL, PUTTING 1.75 MILLION TONS EXTRA INTO THE LANDFILLS PER YEAR

YARDWASTE DOES NOT MAKE METHANE GAS, THIS WILL ONLY SET IN THE LANDFILL, USING UP SPACE WHEN IT MAKES GREAT BLACK DIRT FOR GARDEN, LAWNS, FLOWERS, AND SO MANY OTHER USES WHERE BLACK DIRT IS USED, WHEN YARDWASTE IS COMPOSTED IT IS THE BEST BLACK DIRT YOU CAN BUY.

PUTTING NOT ONLY THE COMPOST SITES OUT OF BUSINESS, BUT LANDSCAPERS WHO DEPEND ON COMPOST FOR THEIR BUSINESS, RESIDENTS THAT USE COMPOST WILL NO LONGER HAVE IT FOR GARDENS, ETC. WITH MORE PEOPLE OUT OF WORK, MORE PEOPLE ARE PLANTING GARDENS AND USING COMPOST. THEY CAN FEED THEIR FAMILY FOR A WHOLE YEAR FOR THE COST OF THE SEEDS. FOOD PRICES ARE GOING UP AND PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD THAT.

IF YOU LINE UP DISPOSAL TRUCKS THAT ARE 25 YARD PACKERS, THEY WOULD GO END TO END FROM THE SHORE OF LAKE MICHIGAN IN HOLLAND TO THE SHORE LINE OF LAKE HURON, AND $\frac{3}{4}$ OF THE WAY BACK TO LAKE MICHIGAN, TO EQUAL THE AMOUNT OF YARDWASTE THAT IS KEPT OUT OF THE LANDFILL EACH YEAR. PICTURE THIS AS YOU DRIVE FROM YOUR HOME TO LANSING IF THESE TRUCKS WERE LINED UP ALONG THE HIGHWAY END TO END, THE AMOUNT OF YARDWASTE THAT IS MADE INTO BLACK DIRT IN 1 TO 2 YEARS. THAT DIRT CAN BE REUSED AND HELP THE ENVIROMENT.

MY OPPINION ON THE PROCESS OF PRESENTING A BILL TO THE HOUSE OR SENATE:

Any person who set on a House Committee should visit a compost site before they make a decision, they should visit a compost site to see what a great recycling project that composting is. This should happen with any bill that comes in front of the House or Senate.

ALSO, IF SOMEONE ON THAT COMMITTEE IS IN SUPPORT OF THAT BILL AND HAS PRESENTED IT TO THE COMMITTEE, THEY SHOULD BACK AWAY FROM THE TABLE, THIS IS CONFLECT OF INTEREST, THEY HAVE ALREADY MADE UP THEIR MIND BECAUSE IT IS THEIR BILL.

Sincerely

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